

General:

One of the keys to maintaining a beautiful lawn is in the mowing. Mower height, sharpness, cleanliness, and mowing schedule can make the difference between a lush green lawn and a brown weed infested one. The following are mowing tips that will help keep your lawn looking it best:

Sharpness:

Mower blades must be maintained in sharp condition to keep your lawn looking its best. Dull blades do not cut evenly, which results in damaged blades that will give the lawn a brown cast. A sharp mower will leave the grass blade with a straight tip and minimal damage or browning.

Height:

Mowing height can vary significantly depending on the lawn variety and your site and seasonal conditions. For example, Bluegrass does better at 2 to 3 inches. To get a suggested mowing height for your lawn, select your variety from the menu options. If you have shade, increase the mowing height somewhat. During the warm growing months, you may find that you have to increase your mowing height gradually as the season progresses. If so, you can gradually reduce the height again during the cooler months .

Cleanliness:

Make sure your mower is clean of weeds and other contaminants prior to cutting your lawn. Weeds like common bermuda, crabgrass, and kikuyugrass can be transferred from one lawn to another if they are cut with the same lawn mower.

Schedule:

Most lawn varieties require weekly mowing during the growing season. Letting your lawn get too tall between mowings, can cause damage. In general, it is not recommended to mow off more than 1/3 of the blade height. In some instances, you may be able to mow your lawn once every second or third week. Be careful not to allow your lawn to get too tall between mowings!